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Prisoner YANAGIZAWA Eiji; Australian No JA 162002, a leading private of 9 Company, 3 Battalion, 239 Infantry Regiment, ill with beriberi was captured by Australian troops at MARASUPE, near AITAPE, 25 Dec 44.

Cannibalism On 1 Nov 44 in a speech to his troops, Maj Gen AOTU, 41 Division Infantry Group commander, stated that troops must fight the Allies even to the extent of eating them.

On 10 Dec 44 an order was issued from 18 Army Headquarters that troops were permitted to eat the flesh of Allied dead but must not eat their own dead. At the time rumors were prevalent that troops were eating their own dead. 15 Dec 44 four men were executed by order of Maj MORIMOTO, commanding officer of 2 Battalion for disobeying this order.

While wandering in the jungle prisoner came across four men of his unit whose bodies had been stripped of flesh. As there were no troops other than Japanese in the area he presumed the flesh was eaten by them.

In mid Dec 44 prisoner was shown some meat by his commanding officer who said it was human flesh and that anything that looked like it was not to be eaten.

On 21 Dec 44 at MARUJIPPU, Maj MORIMOTO, 2 Battalion commander, shared out to his troops the flesh of two Australian soldiers who had been killed in action and joined them in eating it. As prisoner was ill he was unable to obtain a share.

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捕虜 YANAGIZAWA EIJI 濠洲軍番号丁 A 一六二〇〇二号日本軍歩兵
オ二三九聯隊オ三大隊オ九中隊オ警兵。右、者、一九四四年十一月二十五日脚氣
二重三居「アムペ」附近「アムペ」三於濠洲軍、捕虜トナリ。
食人肉 一九四四年十一月一日「中四師團歩兵部隊指揮官五月津少將
「麾下、部隊ニ對シ、部隊ニ反令ニ復命、肉ヲ喰フ」ト聯合國軍「戦不
ゲニスト告ナリ 一九四四年三月十日オ十八軍司令部「部隊、聯合國軍、
是ヲ喰フ事、許可スルモ反軍、是ヲ喰フ「ニスト」命令ガ出リ、當時諸
部隊「反軍、是ヲ喰フ「ニスト」ト「噂」事ラナリ。一九四四年十二月五日
ニ記、命令ニ違背シ、為メオ三大隊長森本少佐、命令ニ依リ四名者、
處刑ナリ。森林中ニ彷徨ニ居ル中ニ本捕虜、彼所屬隊、四名者、肉ヲ
剥取ラシ居ルヲ目撃シ、右地域ニ日本軍以外、軍隊ニ居ルカ、
ラ彼ハ「人肉」日本軍ガ喰フモノト推察ナリ。
一九四四年中頃本捕虜、彼、指揮官「若干、肉片ヲ示シ、人肉ヲ外
見ガシ「似ク様々モ、喰フ「ニスト」云ハナリ。
一九四四年十二月二日「ニルニア」下オ三大隊長森本少佐、戦闘、隠蔽シ
タ人、濠洲兵、肉ヲ部下ニ配給ニ復共「人肉ヲ喰フ。本捕虜、病
氣ヲシ「為ニシ、分配ニ受ル事ガ出来ナリ。

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